



TOLL BRIDGE PROGRAM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

CALTRANS BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

October 1, 2008, 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

ZPMC Meeting Facility

Changxing Island, Shanghai, China

Attendees: TBPOC Members: Will Kempton, Steve Heminger, and John Barna
PMT Members: Tony Anziano, Andy Fremier, and Stephen Maller
Participants: Ken Terpstra, Jon Tapping, Jason Tom, Dina Noel, and Peter Lee
Guests: Bill Dodd

Convened: Approximately 2:00 PM

Items		Action
1.	CHAIR'S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Chair noted how enlightening the fabrication site visit and meeting with ZPMC were and how teamwork will continue to be needed to deliver the project.The Chair gave an update on the State budget noting that:<ul style="list-style-type: none">The budget was signed last week.Proposition 42 funds were not suspended but sustained.The executive order laying off retired annuitants and interns was still in effect, however, exemptions could be sought if there were project impacts.The Chair welcomed Bill Dodd, Chairman of the Bay Area Toll Authority.	
2.	CONSENT CALENDAR <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. BATA presented the September 4, 2008 TBPOC Meeting Minutes for approval.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The TBPOC APPROVED the September 4, 2008 TBPOC Meeting Minutes as presented.

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<p>3. PROGRESS REPORTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. BATA presented a draft of the September 2008 Monthly Progress Report for approval, in lieu of the PMT's delegated approval.• Staff briefly reported that there would be upcoming information on the seismic retrofitting of the Dumbarton and Antioch Bridges at the next TBPOC meeting. A report on the bridges is scheduled for the next TBPOC meeting in November, to include an update on retrofit strategy, cost, and environmental issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The TBPOC APPROVED the September 2008 Monthly Progress Report for distribution.
<p>4. SAN FRANCISCO-OAKLAND BAY BRIDGE UPDATES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The presentation order of the items was revised per TBPOC direction.a. West Approach Book<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Department presented, for approval, the West Approach Book that memorialized the history and successful delivery of the West Approach Project. The Department further recognized Alec Melkonians and Caltrans Graphics for their hard work on the book.• The Chair noted the excellent quality of the book.b. YBITS No. 1 Contract<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Department presented the YBITS No. 1 update matrix.• It was discussed that the Corridor Scheduling Team (CST) has evaluated the current project schedule and has determined that, given what is currently planned and to properly line up the contract schedules, the YBITS No. 1 contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The TBPOC APPROVED the West Approach Book for production.

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<p>bid opening should be postponed. However, as more is known on the progress of the YBI Detour, a better schedule can be developed with a clearer understanding of schedule impacts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Further, it was discussed that to minimize the impacts to potential bidders of YBITS No. 1, an addendum to delay bid opening should be issued as soon as possible.• A motion was made and approved to change this item to an action item and to delay bid opening of the YBITS No. 1 contract by an addendum, with approval of the final addendum and revised bid opening date to be delegated to the PMT. <p>c. Team China</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff presented an item updating the TBPOC on Team China staffing. The update focused on identifying the challenges of maintaining Department representation at ZPMC to ensure quality and project delivery.• The remaining challenges focus on staff with families, as currently there are no allowances for family expenses – though these types of allowances are provided to Federal overseas staffing and private expatriate staffing.• BATA has determined that reimbursements can be made to the Department for expenses the State deems eligible. However, there are currently no State family guidelines for extended overseas stays.• It was discussed to explore funding options through the California Transportation Foundation or a non-profit route.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The TBPOC APPROVED a motion to change this item to an action item, and APPROVED the delay of the YBITS No. 1 construction contract bid opening and delegated to the PMT the selection of the revised bid opening date and approval of the addendum document.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">Given the importance and unique characteristics of the project, the Chair will explore options with the Department of Personnel Administration. <p>d. Self-Anchored Suspension Superstructure (SAS) Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The TBPOC and staff had an extended inspection of the fabrication facilities at ZPMC. Areas reviewed included the shearleg crane barge, the Team China offices, the Tower fabrication shop, the temporary support trusses, the orthotropic box girder (OBG) assembly bays, and the deck panel sub-assembly fabrication shop.Discussion focused on the status of OBG fabrication. It was discussed that an acceptance criteria and weld repair procedure have been established by the Department and ABF to deal with linear indications at tack weld locations. The acceptance criteria will be documented in a to-be approved contract change order.Another potential contract change order will address the green-tagging process planned by ABF to incorporate all fabrication and welding documentation and reporting into a single electronic database. The process will provide incremental hold points for approval of sub-assemblies before incorporation into larger assemblies.The process requires additional resources in both contractor inspection staffing, data entry, and database systems. ABF has asked the Department to participate in funding of this effort as they believe	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Chair will explore options with the Department of Personnel Administration to reimburse expenses from Fiscal Year '08/'09 forward.Staff to provide Chair with a proposal to cover Team China unreimbursed expenses.

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<p>it will be beneficial to both parties.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The process should provide improved access to documentation for quality assurance and acceptance.• The process is not specified in the contract specifications. Current specification is geared towards fabrication of simpler pieces, i.e. steel I-beam girder, not larger OBG and tower assemblies.• The initial ABF estimated cost of the green-tagging process is approximately \$21 million over the remaining 2 to 2 1/2 years of fabrication.• The Department has been in discussion with ABF on the contract change and is looking at trying out the system for the next year at a lower agreed price.• The TBPOC continued evaluating the need for the change and discussed looking at additional ways to improve the fabrication schedule and the need to engage ABF in those discussions.• As the process is still being evaluated and is for information only, no additional action was taken at the meeting.	
<p>5. OTHER BUSINESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• N/A	

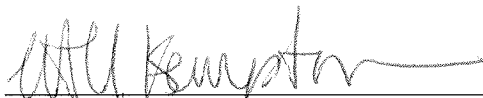
Adjourned: Approximately 3:30 PM

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Date



JOHN F. BARNA, Jr., Executive Director
California Transportation Commission



Date



STEVE HEMINGER, Executive Director
Bay Area Toll Authority



Date